

The owners and management of One Ten Broadcast Group, Inc. would like to express our dismay and concerns with your proposal to require the recording and archiving of our programming. Small market radio operations across the U.S. are the only groups who consistently promote P.S.A. announcements in prime time; who work diligently to assist local charities and civic groups with no monetary benefit, yet we are more and more frequently slammed with this kind of proposed legislation designed to target the large corporate groups who are responsible for irreverant broadcasting. Things are difficult enough in small markets, and this kind of legislation is costly and completely unnecessary. I cannot help but think that this is yet another means, on the part of big business like ClearChannel, to squeeze us out of the industry. Let's be honest - ClearChannel has bought out virtually every concert promotion company in the Southwest, save a few - what radio properties do you think get the "Presents" on shows coming to area venues - gee, surprise - it's ClearChannel properties! In addition, ClearChannel is now investing in Ad Agencies that control large National accounts, such as Sprint, and you guessed it - the lions share of their budgets go to ClearChannel properties. If Bill Gates tried to pull off this kind of monopoly our government would have him tied up in court for years. And all the while, ClearChannel has the undivided attention of Michael Powell, while small market radio doesn't have any voice to speak of. I cannot tell you how angry I was when ClearChannel pulled the Dixie Chicks off their stations for making anti-Bush remarks, claiming "the public outrage" demanded it. First of all, based on what transpired in Oklahoma City on ClearChannel properties, it was their jocks who created the "outrage" by tirelessly ranting about the incident. More importantly, I was under the impression that we went to Iraq, once it was established that the initial WMD's didn't exist, to "provide them the freedoms of democracy we enjoy" - one of which is the right to FREE SPEECH! Now wait a second - Michael Powell is the son of our Secretary of State, a member of the Bush administration - with this in mind ClearChannel's actions make perfect sense. At the end of the day ClearChannel's attack on Natalie caused a drop in record sales for the Chicks, and I am fairly certain this constitutes extortion under the laws of America. The FCC is supposed to be in place to protect the interest of ALL U.S. citizens, and not solely those of the Bush administration, special interest groups and big business. Small market radio does far and above it's part to serve the public, and this legislation will force many of us out of the industry because of the high cost of equipment required to comply. PLEASE drop this proposal immediately in the name of saving the radio groups who deem it our responsibility to serve the public, not take advantage of them. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

David Beerley, GSM
One Ten Broadcast Group, Inc.
dbeerley@earthlink.net
405-878-0077

--MMEX096fdc9860de2e03f99adb9a6f535c61--